

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. For use in a printer, a system for incorporating an advertisement into a printout, comprising:

a memory, located in said printer, that receives and stores user content, said advertisement and verification data regarding said advertisement; and

a processor, associated with said memory, that employs said verification data to make a verification of said advertisement and, if said verification is positive, cause said printer to continue operation.

2. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said verification data is a digital signature of said advertisement.

3. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein, if said verification is positive, said processor causes said printer to print both said user content and said advertisement on a sheet of paper.

4. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein, if said verification is positive, said processor causes said printer to continue to print future user content.

5. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein, if said
2 verification is negative, said processor causes said printer to
3 cease to print future user content.

6. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said system is
2 a voice messaging system and said printout is a recording for use
3 with said system.

7. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said memory
2 receives said advertisement from a computer network coupled to said
3 printer.

8. For carrying out within a printer, a method of
2 incorporating an advertisement into a printout, comprising:

3 storing user content, said advertisement and verification data
4 regarding said advertisement in a memory in said printer;

5 employing said verification data to make a verification of
6 said advertisement, and

7 causing said printer to continue operation if said
8 verification is positive.

9. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said
2 verification data is a digital signature of said advertisement.

10. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said causing
2 comprises causing said printer to print both said user content and
3 said advertisement on a sheet of paper if said verification is
4 positive.

11. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said causing
2 comprises causing said printer to continue to print future user
3 content if said verification is positive.

12. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said causing
2 comprises causing said printer to cease to print future user
content if said verification is negative.

13. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said storing
2 comprises storing said user content, advertisement and verification
3 data regarding said advertisement in the memory unit of a voice
4 messaging system.

14. The method as recited in Claim 8 further comprising
2 receiving said advertisement from a computer network coupled to
3 said printer.

15. A printer, comprising:

2 a memory that stores user content and an advertisement to be
3 printed and verification data;

4 a graphical device, coupled to said memory, that causes said
5 images to be printed on pieces of paper;

6 a processor, coupled to said memory and said graphical device,
7 that employs said verification data to make a verification of said
8 advertisement and, if said verification is positive, cause said
9 printer to continue operation.

16. The printer as recited in Claim 15 wherein said
2 verification data is a digital signature of said advertisement.

17. The printer as recited in Claim 15 wherein, if said
2 verification is positive, said processor causes said printer to
3 print both said user content and said advertisement on a sheet of
4 paper.

18. The printer as recited in Claim 15 wherein, if said
2 verification is positive, said processor causes said printer to
3 continue to print future user content.

19. The printer as recited in Claim 15 wherein, if said
2 verification is negative, said processor causes said printer to
3 cease to print future user content.

20. The printer as recited in Claim 15 wherein said printer
2 is a voice messaging system and said printout is a recording for
3 use with said system.

21. The printer as recited in Claim 15 wherein said memory
2 receives said advertisement from a computer network coupled to said
3 printer.

22. The printer as recited in Claim 15 further comprising
2 facsimile communication circuitry coupled to said memory and said
3 processor, wherein said user content is a facsimile image and
4 wherein said memory receives said advertisement from a facsimile
5 source.